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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:  
**Stefan BONEBERG, Dr. Martin SCHUESSLER and Hans-Frieder WALZ**  
entitled: **METHOD FOR OPERATING A GAS GENERATION DEVICE IN A FUEL  
CELL SYSTEM**

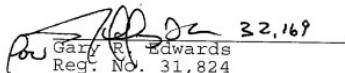
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 13 claims (pages 1-20, plus specification cover sheet).
2. 2 Sheets of drawings showing Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted/2 pages).
4. Certified copy of Priority Document 100 25 667.8 filed in Germany on 24 May 2000, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
5. X Information Disclosure Statement.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee				
Total Claims	<u>13</u>	- 20	= <u>0</u>	x \$ 355/710 = \$ 710.00
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	- 3	= <u>0</u>	x \$ 9/18 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$40/80 = \$
Total Filing Fee				\$135/270 = \$ 710.00

The filing fee is being deferred at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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